

**THIRD-PARTY
FIRE PROTECTION INSPECTION PROGRAM
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FULL SCOPE OF FIRE PROTECTION INSPECTIONS

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1. INSPECTION AGENCY QUALIFICATIONS

Before an Inspection Agency is allowed to perform inspection duties under this Procedure, it shall provide the Administrator with documented evidence that it complies with the minimum requirements set forth hereafter. The Inspection Agency shall have a qualified Professional-in-charge and sufficient qualified inspectors in the inspection discipline, as established in the subsequent sections.

2. QUALIFICATIONS OF THE PROFESSIONAL-IN-CHARGE

Minimum qualifications for the engineer(s) or architect(s) serving as Professional-in-charge of the certification of any part of the Project, under this Program, shall be as specified in the subsection that follows.

2.1. FIRE PROTECTION PROFESSIONAL-IN-CHARGE

The Registered Professional-in-Charge of the Project employed by the Inspection Agency, responsible for overseeing the performance of Fire Protection inspection duties under this Procedure and certifying the inspection, shall demonstrate possession of any of the two combinations of knowledge, certification and experience listed in the following table:

FIRE PROTECTION PROFESSIONAL-IN-CHARGE QUALIFICATION CRITERIA	COMBINATION 1	COMBINATION 2
Demonstrated knowledge of the sections of the D.C. Construction Codes pertinent to Fire Protection systems, including its administrative provisions	✓	✓
Current registration in the District of Columbia as a Professional Engineer	✓	
Current registration in the District of Columbia as an Architect		✓
Documented minimum experience of three (3) years in the field of Fire Protection engineering, in a position of responsible charge	✓	✓

3. INSPECTOR QUALIFICATIONS

Minimum qualifications for inspectors engaged under this Program shall be as specified in the subsection that follows. Inspectors performing duties under this Procedure, whether employees or subcontractors of the Inspection Agency, shall perform the inspections under the direct supervision of the registered Professional-in-charge.

3.1. FIRE PROTECTION INSPECTOR

Any employee or subcontractor of the Inspection Agency performing Fire Protection inspection duties under this Procedure shall demonstrate possession of any of the four combinations of knowledge, certification and experience listed in the following table:

FIRE PROTECTION INSPECTOR QUALIFICATION CRITERIA	COMBINATION 1	COMBINATION 2	COMBINATION 3	COMBINATION 4
Demonstrated knowledge of the D.C. Building Code and other sections of the D.C. Construction Codes and NFPA Standards pertinent to the systems and devices under inspection, including its administrative provisions	✓	✓	✓	✓
Certified NCPCCI Fire Protection Inspector	✓			
Minimum of (2) years of documented experience in code compliance inspection of Fire Protection systems in a jurisdiction using any of the national model codes	✓			
Minimum of four (4) years of documented experience in code compliance inspection of Fire Protection systems in a jurisdiction using any of the national model codes		✓		
Minimum of three (3) years of documented experience in design of Fire Protection systems under the direction of a registered professional engineer			✓	
Minimum of two (2) years of documented experience in design of Fire Protection systems at the level of engineer-in-training (EIT) or higher				✓